

How Do I Enroll My Child in Kindergarten?

Parent Guide #5

Michigan law allows a child who is five years old by December 1 to sign up for kindergarten.

- Most school districts begin signing children up for kindergarten in early spring for the following fall.
- Contact your local school to find out the exact date.
- Be ready with names, addresses and phone numbers to fill out forms. Also bring contact information about your child's doctor.
- Check with your local school for what information they want you to bring.
- If you do not have all of the forms they want, you should still sign up your child for kindergarten. The staff can help you get any missing forms.
- When you sign up, let the school know if your child gets other services, such as speech therapy.
- Records of vaccination and immunization. You may contact your school to apply for a waiver, which is an exemption from vaccinations for religious or medical reasons. The website for current immunizations is: www.mcir.org.
- Child's social security card (some districts).
- Proof of Custody. If you are divorced, you need to prove that you have custody of your child.
- Vision and Hearing Tests. Each child needs to have a hearing test and a vision test before starting kindergarten.

Here are some common papers you will need to sign your child up for kindergarten.

- Proof of your child's age and identity (birth certificate, passport, hospital birth record, adoption record or baptismal certificate, etc.).
- Proof of where you live (driver's license, voter registration card, utility bill, rent statement, income tax return statement, or any official document showing both your name and address).